

REMARKS

The Office Action dated November 30, 2004 has been fully considered by the Applicant. The allowance of Claims 5 and 6 is gratefully acknowledged.

By way of the present amendment, the limitations of Claims 2 and 3 have been incorporated into independent Claim 1. Additionally, Claim 1 has been amended to clearly convey that the retrieving plunger body of the present invention is designed so that it descends solely by means of gravity and ascends by gas pressure beneath the retrieving plunging body. Support for these limitations are found in the specification and no new matter has been added.

The rejection of Claims 1 and 4, as now amended, under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Carmody (U.S. Patent No. 4,295,528) is respectfully traversed. Carmody discloses one example of a traditional fishing and placement operation which is described at length on page 5 of the specification of the present application. The Carmody running tool 10 is at all times tethered to a wireline attached at the surface. Additionally, the Carmody running tool is capable of raising a device such as a safety control valve by mechanical force of the wireline.

This is to be contrasted to the present invention which is lowered solely by force of gravity and freely falls in the well and is raised by the pressure of fluid moving upward through the well.

None of the other references are closer than the Carmody reference discussed.

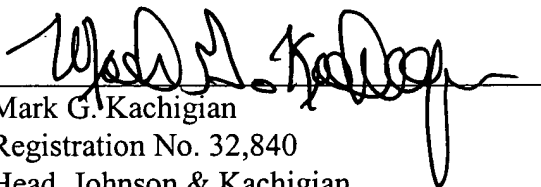
As now amended, Claim 1 is believed to define the invention over the prior art.

Claim 4 is dependent on Claim 1 and believed allowable for all the same reasons.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

If any further issues remain, a telephone conference interview with the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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